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Young folk don't actually cast their ballots much, and other reasons pollsters think they got the B.C. election results wrong PAGE 8

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New laws would OK booze at salons

Sips and snips.
Other rules to be relaxed under bill

Manitobans will soon be allowed to drink alcohol at the spa or hairdresser, have a beer in a restaurant without ordering a meal and possibly imbibe around the clock during special events.

The changes, contained in a bill introduced in the legislature Wednesday, are part of an overhaul of the province's liquor laws, many of which date back to the 1950s.

The aim is to reduce the red tape for business owners while giving consumers more options, said Gaming Minister Dave Chomiak.

"They'll have more entertainment, more flexibility," Chomiak said.

Most of the changes are aimed at making things simpler for bar and restaurant owners. Ratios of food-to-drink sales will no longer be enforced in restaurants. Live entertainment venues will no longer have to be able to house at least 200 people to be licenced, and they'll be able to use DJs instead of live musicians if they want.

The array of licence categories will be reduced to three from 12, brew pubs will have an easier time getting licenced and establishments will no longer have to file separate applications for liquor and gambling licences.

For customers, the changes mean no longer having to find a lounge or bar for a quick drink — a restaurant will be able to serve booze without a full meal.

Scott Jocelyn, executive director of the Manitoba Food and Restaurant Association METRO

It could also mean longer hours for special events.

"We're going to have flexibility in the regulations so that it's possible that if the Grey Cup's here, that we'll have, who knows, 20-hour opening or 24-hour opening in some location," Chomiak said.

The Manitoba Restaurant and Foodservices Association welcomed the changes as a way to keep customers happy.

"The legislation had just become so crippling because it was just so anti-quated," said Scott Jocelyn, the association's executive director.

"If you walk into a building that has a restaurant and a cocktail lounge today, at 10 o'clock at night, the restaurant is empty and the cocktail lounge has a lineup to get in. You know, our customers don't understand that they can't go across and sit in (the restaurant) without ordering a meal."

The changes are expected to be in place before the end of the year, Chomiak said.

Despite the modernization, many rules are not being changed. Minimum prices and a requirement to have at least three people share a large pitcher of beer will remain in place. The province's ban on all-you-can-drink events, except for private events such as open-bar wedding receptions, will also stay as is.

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Mayor not premier priority

PST problems.
Municipal leaders upset Selinger won't meet to discuss proposed tax hike

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Mayor Sam Katz expressed his displeasure with the provincial government on Wednesday, calling it "extremely unfortunate" that Premier Greg Selinger's office passed along last week's letter from mayors and reeves to his local government minister.

"I have been informed that the premier decided not to deal with it and he's just handed it off to Minister (Ron) Lemieux, which I think is extremely unfortunate," he said.

The mayors and reeves of Manitoba's Capital Region have been calling for a meeting with Selinger over the proposed PST hike of one percentage point to eight per cent.

Katz, along with the representatives of 11 of the 15 communities surrounding Winnipeg, called for the meeting while at a joint press conference at city hall on Friday, where the letter to the premier was also made public.

"I made it very clear that when the mayor of Winnipeg along with mayors and reeves from the Capital Region ... asks for a meeting to seriously discuss the infrastructure deficit and a way to address it, I think it would be more than appropriate for the premier to sit down with these people and have a conversation," he said following Wednesday's executive policy committee meeting.

A spokesperson in the premier's office said Selinger meets regularly with mayors and reeves, including Katz.

"Investing in infrastructure is a priority they all share," said Matt Williamson, adding that the province's Building and Renewal Fund "will ensure sustainable funding for critical infrastructure at a time when other provinces are reducing funding to municipalities and the opposition here in Manitoba is calling for similar cuts."

Katz said municipal leaders are "extremely disappointed" with the Manitoba government.

"I may be writing another letter, along with everybody else."

Mayor Sam Katz says Premier Greg Selinger is not dealing with municipalities' concerns over a proposed PST hike.
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Couple takes home $17M in 6-49 win

Keeping a secret in the age of social media can be tough, but as Winnipeg's newest millionaires found out this week, it's darn near impossible when that secret is worth more than $17 million.

After being outed by local media who learned about their big 6-49 win Saturday from a Facebook page, the Western Canada Lottery Corporation confirmed the city's worst-kept secret Tuesday and formally introduced Bruce and Monique Willman to the media. Oh yeah, and the corporation presented the lucky couple with a giant cheque for $17,026,623.

"As of about two minutes after I read the winning numbers, I retired," chuckled Bruce, who had worked in a Winnipeg machine shop until checking the couple's quick-pick numbers from Saturday's draw Sunday morning after making a Mother's Day breakfast for his wife. "I still don't believe it."

Monique said most people they've told didn't believe them at first either.

"I don't know how many people told us off," she laughed.

For the time being, Bruce and Monique said they plan to stay at their East Kildonan apartment, but admit they'll likely be spending a whole lot more time at their cabin this summer than they'd planned.

The couple just celebrated their 36th anniversary at the end of April and with four kids and 10 grandkids, Monique said they wouldn't have a hard time finding people to share their luck with.

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Legislation

Manitoba proposes new rental laws

The Manitoba government proposed new legislation on Wednesday that would see tenants kicked out quicker if they break the law in someone's home.

The new legislation, called Bill 40, would make changes to the Residential Tenancies Act including: Allowing landlords to end a tenancy in response to unlawful activity if it affects the security and well-being of other tenants or causes damage, and requiring landlords to compensate tenants for moving costs, as well as for the expense of higher rent, when landlords have purposefully created an undesirable living environment during renovations to displace a tenant. METRO

Charges laid

Police nab alleged serial armed robber

Winnipeg police have arrested a man in connection to a string of armed robberies at Winnipeg restaurants earlier this year.

Between February and March, a lone male suspect armed with a knife robbed six restaurants along McPhillips Street of undisclosed amounts of cash. Police arrested Jonas Chaikowsky, 39, Tuesday and charged him with six counts of robbery with a weapon and six counts of disguise with intent. METRO

On the web

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Search warrant

Grow-op busted in Winnipeg

A man and woman are facing charges after police found a pot grow-op during a raid at a Maples area home Tuesday.

During the execution of a search warrant, police hauled 296 pot plants, 77 grams of dried and packaged pot and growing equipment from a home in the first 100 block of Bender Bay.

Police estimate the value of the seized pot and equipment at nearly $350,000.

A 42-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman are charged with possessing a substance for the purpose of trafficking, possessing the proceeds of crime, and production of a controlled substance. METRO

Ice wave's cold reality

Tough luck. Premier Selinger says cottage owners not covered under disaster relief

Premier Greg Selinger says only a third of the structures damaged or destroyed at Ochre Beach will qualify for disaster financial assistance.

A damaged dwelling in Ochre Beach. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A total of 27 homes and cottages were smashed by ice driven off Dauphin Lake late last week.

No one was hurt, but some structures were completely destroyed.

On Monday, Selinger toured the area near Dauphin.

As residents assessed the damage, Selinger noted that disaster relief is available only for year-round homes, not cottages.

Meanwhile, provincial officials warned there could still be ice pileups as melting continues.

Lake Manitoba, Dauphin Lake, Lake Winnipegosis and Lake St. Martin face a high risk of shoreline ice pileup on the windward shores, while there's a moderate-high risk of shoreline ice pileup on windward shores of Lake Winnipeg and Pelican Lake.

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Demolition continues on the former home of the Bombers

The West Side of Canad Inns Stadium had nothing but nosebleeds left Tuesday as the demolition continues on the former home of the Bombers. The Blue and Gold are scheduled to take to the field for the first time at Investors Group Field June 20 against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in pre-season play.

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New Works. Playwrights, for first time ever, want critics

This year's Carol Shields Festival of New Works will offer the chance to critique an award-winning playwright.

Governor General's Award-winning playwright Colleen Murphy will present two new works on Friday at the festival, which runs until Saturday at Prairie Theatre Exchange. Her play The December Man — an exploration of the after-effects of the Montreal Massacre — brought PTE audiences to tears in 2011.

Colleen Murphy CONTRIBUTED

Saturday sees readings by Shakespeare in the Ruins and the Manitoba Association of Playwrights, Times Fancy by Kevan Bowkett and Dances With Daughter by Carson Nattrass.

"The primary motivation (of the festival) is to put things that we have in development up in front of the public as part of the development process," said Robert Metcalfe, PTE's artistic director.

"In the process of hearing your play read in front of an audience ... It's evident when it works and when it doesn't work — it's really evident."

After the readings, the playwrights will invite questions from the audience, something Metcalfe says is valuable to the playwriting process.

The festival kicks off on Thursday with short works by PTE's Playwrights Unit, performances by singer-songwriter Keri Latimer, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School and Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers, plus perspectives on rage and love in theatre from Murphy.

Tickets to the opening gala are $25 — which includes a catered reception — and available at pte.mb.ca. Admission to Friday and Saturday's readings are free.

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Program to fund fix-up projects at Winnipeg recreation facilities

Funding plan. New Winnipeg Community Infrastructure Program begins taking submissions May 22

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Recreational centres in Winnipeg can now apply for help tackling infrastructure projects over the next few years with funding announced by the province on Wednesday.

The new three-year program will let non-profit community organizations and city-owned centres apply for $7.5 million earmarked for infrastructure expansion and improvement.

"These kinds of investments provide recreation opportunities for families, grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren (who) all get to come and use the space," Premier Greg Selinger said, after announcing the funding at the Gateway Recreation Centre. "It makes a big difference in the quality of life in communities."

Premier Greg Selinger unveils a new three-year funding program on Wednesday for projects at rec centres in Winnipeg. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Selinger said grant applications can be submitted for repairs, upgrades, energy-saving initiatives and other improvements at community facilities such as libraries, swimming pools and splash pads, parks, trails, community centres and sports facilities, including arenas and gymnasiums.

Online

For more information on the province's Winnipeg Community Infrastructure Program, go to gov.mb.ca/ia.

"This funding is for capital," Selinger explained. "All things are possible as long as they have a clear benefit for the community that they serve."

He said two similar programs have been set up to help rural and remote northern recreational facilities complete infrastructure projects.

Gateway Recreation Centre president Andrew Skogen said the funding will go a long way for not-for-profit centres such as his.

"It's definitely something we'll very closely look at," he said. "It allows (us) to really look at the programs we offer already and put in some new infrastructure."

Cleveland.
Castro to plead not guilty

The lawyers for a man accused of keeping three women in captivity for about a decade say he will plead not guilty.

Attorneys Craig Weintraub and Jay Schlachet told WKYC-TV that suspect Ariel Castro has been portrayed as a "monster" in the media, and after meeting with him Tuesday they don't see him that way. Schlachet says details of Castro's innocence "will be disclosed as the case progresses." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ariel Castro
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'I am broken because part of me is gone': Bosma's wife

Missing-man case.
Wife makes anguished speech on same day accused is slapped with murder charge

Sharlene Bosma, the wife of Tim Bosma, who was killed after posting his truck for sale online, holds back tears at a news conference in Ancaster, Ont., on Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The young daughter of an Ontario man who was killed after posting his truck for sale online and taking a test drive with two men will grow up knowing how deeply he was loved, the man's wife vowed Wednesday.

Sharlene Bosma laid her anguish bare in a tearful public statement one day after police revealed that her husband Tim Bosma, 32, who had been missing since the test drive on May 6, is dead.

"Yesterday was the most horrifying day of my life and people tell me I have been so strong, and all I know is that I have a beautiful two-year-old girl at home who now needs her mommy more than ever and needs her mommy to hold it together, so I know that I cannot fall apart," she said.

"But I am broken because part of me is gone." Bosma's remains were found in Waterloo Region.

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Background

Fateful online classified ad

Murder victim Tim Bosma posted his 2007 black Dodge Ram truck for sale online — including on the classifieds website Kijiji. However, Kijiji says that the murder suspects would not have been able to contact Bosma through its site. Bosma didn't reveal personal information on the site.

Dellen Millard, 27, was originally charged with forcible confinement and theft over $5,000. A charge of first-degree murder was added Wednesday.

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Rescuers dig for survivors after cave-in

Indonesia. At least four dead after roof collapsed during safety training at U.S.-owned gold and copper mine

Mining activities at a giant U.S.-owned gold and copper mine in Indonesia were halted on Wednesday as rescuers dug through a caved-in mine tunnel looking for about 25 trapped workers, the mine operator said.

Four bodies have been found and 10 miners rescued since the cave-in occurred Tuesday morning. Oxygen was being pumped into the tunnel as the search continued, but the status of the trapped workers was not known.

Meanwhile, hundreds of workers blocked a main road about three kilometres from the accident site in solidarity with the victims.

"We need a guarantee from the management for our safety in working underground," said Ronald Waromi, an organizer.

The company said 39 workers were inside a classroom in the tunnel undergoing safety training when the accident happened. Three escaped on their own.

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Quoted

"They were trapped and shouting for help ... but I couldn't do anything."

Kristian Sitepu, safety-training instructor, who was explaining emergency procedures when the accident happened.

Workers gather on Wednesday in solidarity with colleagues who were trapped after the roof of a tunnel collapsed at a Freeport Indonesia mine in Mimika, Indonesia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York City

Columbia moves to change whites-only scholarship

Columbia University wants to change the terms of a fellowship that can be awarded only to white students.

The Lydia C. Roberts Graduate Fellowship stipulates that money be given only to "a person of the Caucasian race." Roberts left Columbia most of her estate in 1920 and created the fellowship, which also stipulates fellows must be from Iowa. University officials filed court papers last week seeking to change the race provisions of the bequest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand

Boy, 3, dies after being left in hot car for 7 hours

A three-year-old boy has died in northeastern Thailand after a teacher left him in a car for seven hours on the child's second day of school, police say.

A police officer said Wednesday that Suriyakan "Potter" Pakan was abandoned in a car that a teacher used to transport students.

The officer says the teacher thought all students had left the vehicle.

Police say the teacher will face charges of causing death by negligence.

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It's not easy getting greens

People push each other to get fresh produce as Greek market vendors hand out free food during a protest in Athens on Wednesday, as the union of Greek farmers' markets went on strike. Protesters set up stands and started distributing vegetables to a fast-growing crowd. The market vendors are the latest professional group in Greece to protest a sweeping market liberalization drive demanded by rescue creditors. THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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B.C. election. Pollsters explain their total failure

When it comes to filling out opinion surveys, respondents — particularly young ones — always seem to say they plan to vote, even if it's not necessarily true.

That was the explanation offered Wednesday by two of the nation's most prominent pollsters when asked how they, along with all their competitors, managed to get B.C.'s election forecasts so completely, utterly wrong.

Christy Clark THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ipsos Reid public affairs vice-president Kyle Braid said 70 to 80 per cent of Canadians tend to express the intention to vote in federal elections, even though the actual turnout is usually closer to 60 per cent.

"I know that in the 2009 election, somewhere around 65 per cent of British Columbians said they were going to vote, and we ended up with around a 51 per cent turnout," Braid said.

"All that does is point to the lack of reliability in asking that question, which says that we need a better way of figuring out who the voters are."

Mario Canseco, vice-president of Angus Reid Public Opinion, said the trend is even more pronounced among voters aged 18 to 34 — who said they were twice as likely to vote NDP this election as Liberal.

Canseco explained that there may be a methodological flaw in the fact that pollsters base their predictions of the makeup of the electorate on data pulled from the census.

It won't be clear until Elections BC releases the results of its exit polls whether more young voters did indeed skip the ballot box on Tuesday. But historically, more than half of the province's electorate has been made up of voters over 55, and just 16 per cent of those aged 18 to 35.

KATE WEBB/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Alberta. RCMP charge person with aiding suicide after body found in vehicle

Mounties in Alberta have charged a person with aiding a suicide.

RCMP say a body was found last Friday inside a vehicle parked in front of the hospital in Hinton, about 300 kilometres west of Edmonton.

A person admitted to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries was charged this week with aiding suicide.

RCMP will not reveal the ages, genders or possible relationship of the dead person and the accused.

A publication ban prevents identifying the pair.

The accused has been remanded in custody and is to appear in Hinton court on June 5.

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One government insider says the $90,000 sent to Sen. Mike Duffy was a gift to help a friend in financial difficulty. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senator repaid cash, but not on his dime

$90,000. Gift from PM's chief of staff raises even more accusations of corruption, coverup

Less than a week after the Conservatives hailed Sen. Mike Duffy's "leadership" in repaying $90,000 in improper housing expenses, it turns out someone else made the bill go away.

Stephen Harper's chief of staff Nigel Wright personally covered Duffy's repayment, the Prime Minister's Office said on Wednesday — a transaction one insider described as a gift between friends that occurred without Harper's knowledge.

But the surprising transaction is raising questions about just how involved the Prime Minister's Office might have been with an independent audit into Duffy's expenses, and how it later portrayed that audit publicly.

Trust no one?

"We can't trust the Senate; obviously the Senate has no credibility on this. We can't trust the prime minister's word."

NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus, who called for a full investigation.

The Senate's conflict-of-interest code explicitly prohibits senators from accepting any gift that "could reasonably be considered to relate to the senator's position." The Senate ethics officer refused to comment on the matter Wednesday, despite the fact gifts are supposed to be publicly disclosed.

The expense claims of Duffy and two other senators were examined by auditor Deloitte after they were accused of improperly claiming a housing allowance intended to compensate those who must maintain a secondary residence in Ottawa.

Deloitte noted in its report that Duffy stopped co-operating with the audit once the repayment was made. Now the government is refusing to provide any detailed breakdown of the expenses repaid by Duffy, keeping secret the full circumstances under which he was making claims.

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Hadfield's sons pushed him to Twitter stardom

Not an early adopter. Astronaut balked when Evan and Kyle preached the merits of Twitter and Facebook three years ago

Russian space agency specialists carry Chris Hadfield shortly after the Russian Soyuz space capsule landed near the Kazakh town of Dzhezkazgan, Tuesday.
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Chris Hadfield may have become a worldwide Internet sensation with his dramatic photos, tweets and musical performances from space, but it took some convincing several years ago by his two sons to persuade him of the importance of social media in the first place.

During a family Christmas get-together in 2009, the Canadian astronaut's son Evan, who now lives in Germany, and Kyle, who's in China, pointed out that they relied on the Internet to find out what's going on.

Hadfield had only 20,000 Twitter followers when he blasted off on Dec. 19, 2012. Upon his return to Earth this week, he was hovering around one million Twitter followers and more than 325,000 "Likes" on Facebook.

During the mission, Evan Hadfield acted as a self-described "Internet janitor" for his dad. Evan also played a big role in producing the now-famous "Space Oddity" video, the David Bowie cover; it was the most-watched video Tuesday on YouTube, with more than seven million views.

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Moon rock. 40 years to reach Cyprus

Cyprus may finally get its piece of the moon.

Some 40 years ago, the Mediterranean island nation was supposed to receive a 1.1-gram piece of moon rock from the United States. The rock was one of 270 such lunar samples U.S. astronauts brought back from Apollo moon missions in 1969 and 1972 that the Nixon administration gave as gifts to foreign countries.

Souvenir

The lunar souvenir, encased in a plastic globe, is from a rock from the Taurus Littrow valley of the moon.

But the item vanished — allegedly taken by a relative of an American diplomat.

Three years ago, the moon rock was returned to NASA and locked up in a vault.

On Wednesday, a Cyprus Foreign Ministry official said U.S. authorities are favourably considering a Cypriot request that the rock be handed over.

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This photo shows an Android display at the Google I/O developers' conference in June 2012. This year's version of the conference kicked off on Wednesday in San Francisco. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Google unveils music streaming service

San Francisco. Raft of announcements at developers' conference also cover Google Plus features, Maps redesign

Google's sixth annual conference for software developers opened Wednesday with a chance for the company to showcase its latest services. Announcements include a new phone, new tools for online games, a music-streaming service, a range of features for the Google Plus social network — including tools for sharing and enhancing photos — and a redesign of Google Maps.

The audience of about 6,000 people at Google I/O includes engineers and entrepreneurs who develop applications and other features that can make smartphones and tablets more appealing.

Google's All Access streaming service will allow Android users to listen to their favourite songs and artists for a monthly fee. It launched in the U.S. Wednesday and will be available in other countries later.

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North Pole nations. Canada takes over Arctic Council

Canada has officially taken over leadership of a newly broadened circumpolar world, beginning a two-year stint as head of an eight-member group of countries around the North Pole that is the primary international forum on northern issues.

"The time has come to embrace the Arctic and realize the tremendous potential and opportunities it has to offer for all of us," said federal health minister and Nunavut MP Leona Aglukkaq, who will serve as Arctic Council chairwoman during Canada's leadership.

Aglukkaq will be working with a larger group of countries interested in an increasingly accessible, resource-rich North. At its meeting in Kiruna, Sweden, on Wednesday, the council expanded the number of non-Arctic countries allowed to monitor discussions.

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Sweden's Foreign Minister Carl Bildt hands the gavel symbolizing the chairmanship of the Arctic Council to Nunavut MP Leona Aglukkaq in Kiruna, Sweden, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WWF perspective

- The World Wildlife Fund, which has observer status, said the council is slowly making progress. The group praised agreements on oil spills and biodiversity and talks to strengthen shipping regulations. But it pointed out a deal on black carbon, or soot, was blocked and there has been little progress on reducing the impacts of climate change.

Real estate

Home sales down 3% from year ago

Canadian home prices continued to rise in April even as year-over-year sales fell three per cent, according to the latest industry data that has left economists divided over whether the market can count on a soft landing. The Canadian Real Estate Association said Wednesday there were 47,997 homes sold in April, down from 49,553 a year earlier.

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Market Minute

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Russian startup looks to unseat Google in Vietnam

Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, greets Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung during a meeting in Sochi, Russia, on Wednesday. Russia and Vietnam have a special relationship because of their shared ideological history, prompting one observer to wonder whether a Russian search firm called Coc Coc might be more willing to filter content on behalf of the Vietnamese government than its competitors. MAXIM SHIPENKOV/POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vietnam's booming Internet scene is littered with failed startups that tried to take on Google and other entrenched U.S. web companies.

That's not deterring a newly launched Russian-Vietnamese outfit that believes it can unseat the American search engine in this fast-growing Asian market and also contend with a jittery, authoritarian government seeking to clamp down on freedom of expression online.

Like Google rivals elsewhere, Coc Coc, or "Knock Knock" in English, believes the ubiquitous search engine doesn't get the nuances of the local language. It says its algorithms make for a better, quicker search in Vietnamese, while its local knowledge means the information served will be more relevant — and hence more valuable.

Patrick Sharbaugh, a lecturer in Asian Internet studies at RMIT International University Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh City, wondered whether Coc Coc might be more willing to censor search results on behalf of the government, something Chinese search engine Baidu does for Beijing.

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Political scandal

IRS chief resigns over targeting of right-wing groups

U.S. President Barack Obama announced the resignation of the top official at the Internal Revenue Service following a controversy over the targeting of conservative political groups, which were put under extra scrutiny by the IRS. Obama, who has been criticized for his response to the matter, declared, "I am angry about it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicago

Judge scolds Trump, attorney during trial

A U.S. federal judge scolded Donald Trump and an attorney questioning him in an attempt to stop their verbal sparring during Trump's testimony at a civil trial on Wednesday. Trump is accused of making false promises to an investor in his Trump International Hotel & Tower in downtown Chicago.

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ROMANTICIZING YOUR ROAD TRIP

HE SAYS

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Time to hit the road, Jack!

The Victoria Day weekend is the unofficial kickoff of Canada's summer (because we're sure as he-- not waiting for real summer) and for me that has always meant road trips.

It could mean a jaunt to a cottage to celebrate Queen Victoria's glorious reign (Her Majesty was known for her gardening, cottage cleaning and barbecue skills). Or it could be a longer journey this summer to see some of this country's most important roadside fruits, such as the Oxford, N.S., blueberry.

Regardless of your travelling tastes, here are a few planning tips to help any road trip go more smoothly, potholes notwithstanding.

Six tips from a roads scholar

Plan (or don't plan) to your liking. If you're the type of person who prefers every part of your trip planned out to the letter, take advantage of modern technology and use Google Maps. If you're more of an adventurer and prefer to have no idea where you're going, use Apple Maps.

Choose your travelling partners carefully. For example, don't take your children. On one trip when I was younger I repeatedly sang Sloop John B ("This is the worst trip I've ever been on") to let my parents know the all-expenses-paid road trip they were treating me to was not living up to my exacting 14-year-old standards. I'm still mad at them, because in retrospect they should have left me on the side of the road to die. They would have been right to do it.

Rent a well-equipped vehicle. That way if you can't find a perfect travelling partner, you can still get companionship with the help of the OnStar button. "Is there something broken in the vehicle, sir?" "Only the driver, ma'am. Only the driver." The call disconnects a lot for some reason, so you'll need to keep calling back.

Prepare for emergencies. Be ready for flat tires. All motorists should carry with them a vulcanized rubber patch, a hand pump, rubber cement, and a wading pool filled with enough water to detect a leak in a 17-inch radial.

Do not forget that you are sitting on a pack of Junior Mints and grinding the melted chocolate into the fabric of your rental car. I can't stress this one enough. I can say based on personal research that in 2012 this statistically happened 100 per cent of the time. So be prepared.

Take the road less travelled. By that I mean go to New Brunswick. My home province needs it and will be thrilled to see you, once the shock wears off. Toronto's tourism slogan is "We've been expecting you," which is very apt for Canada's super villain. By contrast, New Brunswick's is "For the love of God please stop the car." If you go you'll be popular and may become an attraction yourself.

And those are my travelling tips. I hope you find them helpful.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have a romantic road-trip weekend planned.

Mrs. OnStar's going to love it when she finds out.

ZOOM

Ghana's space dreams take flight

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Satellite is just the beginning

Students use a balloon to launch Deployable CanSat, a soda-can sized model of a satellite, at All Nations University in Koforidua, Ghana, Wednesday. It went aloft to a height of 165 metres and then came back down attached to a parachute.

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The project doesn't look like much, yet in this developing West African country, ambitious organizers see it as a sign of bigger things to come.

Only direction to go is up

"Some wonder why we couldn't concentrate on our problems of water, sanitation, health, all those things. I categorically disagree.... Space will help African countries who are very serious with it to leapfrog their development because it cuts across all sectors of the economy."

Prosper Kofi Ashilevi, director of the Ghana Space Science and Technology Center, which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary

"We hope that this practical demonstration of what can be done by students like them will generate more enthusiasm, fire up their imagination to come up with more creative things, and show that it's possible that they'll one day be able to launch their own real satellite into orbit," he added.

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You know what's the worst? The terror of discussing your favourite shows the next day when there's always someone within earshot to give you a tongue-lashing about spoilers. Why should you pay for them being laggards? Try these sites for sharp recaps and witty discussion about the best TV.

The AV Club

The Onion's sister site makes it easy to decide what shows to catch up on by attaching a letter grade to each review. Intrigued by Twitter chat about The Americans? Check its report card here. (avclub.com)

Grantland

Molly Lambert's take on whatever bleak note Mad Men ended on pairs with Andy Greenwald's funny and insightful pieces on Game of Thrones for Monday afternoon's best one-two punch. (grantland.com)

Vulture

Easily the snarkiest of this lot, Vulture's writers take particular delight in savaging shows that secretly drive you crazy, too. Ahem, The Walking Dead. The hidden gems are the hilarious American Idol recaps, which are much more fun than the actual episodes. (vulture.com)

Comments

RE: $84 Gelato, And Other Tourist Trap Horror Stories, published May 15

Wow, perhaps people should visit natural features of the planet instead of man-made structures! It barely costs anything to hike or cycle unless you prefer a guide. Can't these tourists do the money conversion to figure out what they're really paying? If people were smart, they would just walk away!

Skippy76 posted to metronews.ca

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Angelina Jolie had a mastectomy after finding out via gene tests she is predisposed to cancer. Would you do the same?

@halla_p: As a mother of two young ones ... You betcha!!!

@GACat: Yes, I would do the same thing. In a heartbeat.

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Cannibal Corpse celebrates 25 years of death metal with a North American tour, multiple reissues and a box set. ALEX MORGAN

Cannibals keep on Corpsin'

Longevity. Band a quarter century into their reign of terror

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Cannibal Corpse celebrates its 25th anniversary with the Decibel Magazine Tour, a North American run that also features fellow extreme metal pioneers Napalm Death and Immolation.

Formed in 1988 in Buffalo, Cannibal Corpse credits hard work, consistency, luck and most of all, good songs, for its longevity.

"We've always focused on songwriting," drummer and founding member Paul Mazurkiewicz says, joined in the death metal band by bassist Alex Webster, guitarists Patrick O'Brien and Rob Barrett and vocalist George "Corpsegrinder" Fisher.

"We're not the fastest band in the world and we're not the most technical either, but we've always tried to write memorable riffs, good structures and good songs that people will remember. Yes, we want to sound horrific and evil sounding, but also catchy."

Striking that balance

"Yes, we want to sound horrific and evil sounding, but also catchy."

George "Corpsegrinder" Fisher, Cannibal Corpse vocalist

Unlike those three monkeys, Cannibal Corpse's maxim is "see evil, hear evil, speak evil." The band is as well known for its ultra-violent album art — by Deadworld comic artist Vince Locke — as it is for its horrific lyrics and extreme sound.

In fact, the sale or performance of any material from Cannibal Corpse's first three albums — 1990's Eaten Back to Life, 1991's Butchered at Birth and 1992's Tomb of the Mutilated — was banned in Germany until 2006.

To commemorate 25 years of scaring people, Cannibal Corpse is reissuing all 12 of its studio albums on picture disc, as well as releasing a box set titled Dead Human Collection: 25 Years of Death Metal.

The box contains all 12 albums in a 12 CD foldout case with new artwork, Torturing and Eviscerating LIVE on CD and picture disc, new images by Vince Locke, plus 12" X 12" prints of all the original album covers.

"We like the fact that the box set glorifies Vince's artwork," Mazurkiewicz says.

"On Eaten Back to Life, we wanted to put out something that we as fans would see in a record store and go 'Oh my God, I have to buy this. Look the cover. Look at the titles. Look at these guys.'

"The artwork is how we bought 90 per cent of our music back in the day. It was a very big part of the culture of death metal and metal in general."

The Decibel Magazine Tour comes to the Garrick Centre on Saturday, May 25. Tickets are $32.75 at Music Trader, Into the Music and ticketworkshop.com. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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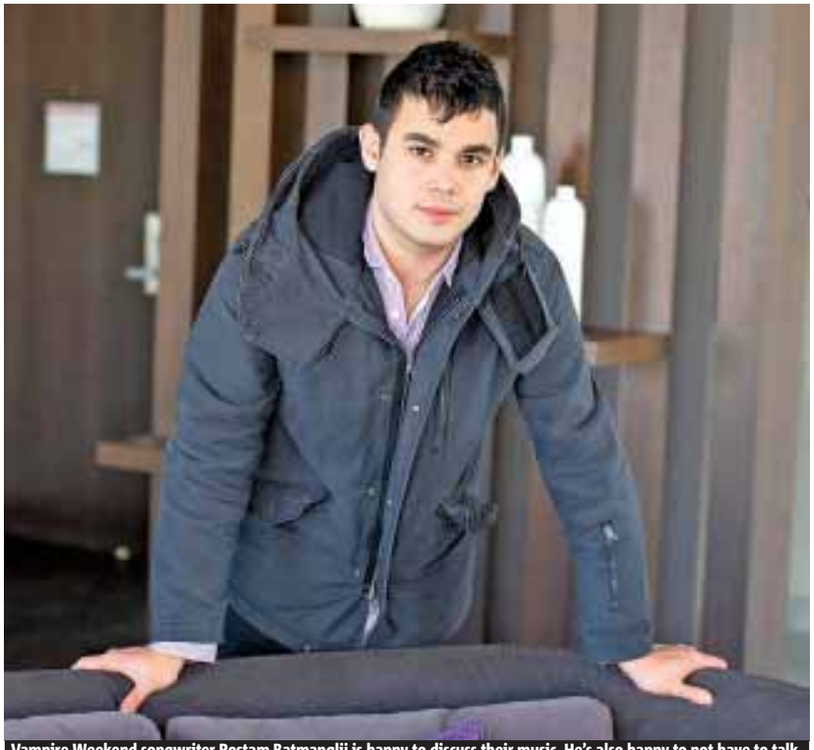

Vampire Weekend songwriter Rostam Batmanglij is happy to discuss their music. He's also happy to not have to talk about the band's 'haters' anymore. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vampire Weekend has broke dawn with a sterling new album

Modern Vampires in the City. The often discussed band is relieved the focus is finally back on just their music

When Vampire Weekend debuted to breathless blog fussing five years ago, their pristine blue-sky pop was marred by a few pesky clouds.

The concern that was so crucial to any Vampire Weekend discussion at the time: was their unique, broadly accessible African-influenced pop somehow rendered unpalatable by the group's preppy style, Ivy League educations and occasional penchant for preciousness?

Even in churning out raves, mainstream media made near-constant references to the group's supposedly passionate "haters," while never failing to mention the group's freshly scrubbed sartorial esthetic or upbringing — in reviews of the band's self-titled debut, Rolling Stone, NME and Pitchfork all dutifully scribbled references to boat shoes, starched shirts and Columbia University.

As the band releases its third album, the sparkling Modern Vampires of the City, those conversations have finally faded into the background. And certainly, no one is more relieved than the band's soft-spoken, serious-minded multi-instrumentalist Rostam Batmanglij.

"I think people have maybe a better understanding of who we are and I think that we've always tried to let our music sort of speak for itself and we've always wanted the conversations to be about our music as opposed to other things," he said in a recent interview in Toronto. "So I think that naturally that's happened. There's been an evolution over time.

"I think all of us," he added later, "would rather talk about songs, music and lyrics, as opposed to assumptions based on non-facts. Which was some of the story in the early days."

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Influences

Modern Vampires of the City, out this week, shows a band that has matured in the right ways, judiciously shedding all the right elements.

- **What to expect.** The globally derived gaiety of their earlier work has been scaled back, so their influences are no longer worn on sleeve, but stitched into the band's fabric. The set hits dizzier heights of transcendent anthem-hood — check the chandelier-ornate Step, the giddy sugar rush of Diane Young or the swooning Ya Hey.

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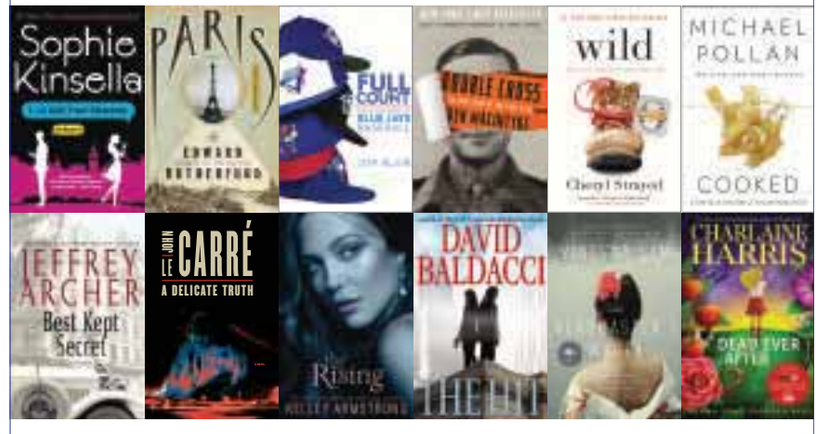

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Youngblood Hawke swims into the deep

Music. After a false start with another band, Sam Martin and Simon Katz are back with a new band to Wake Up the world

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News

Youngblood Hawke's new album, Wake Up, is opening some eyes. HANDOUT PHOTO

To hear Youngblood Hawke's Sam Martin talk, you might imagine him some kind of environmentalist, rather than the frontman of a swiftly rising indie pop outfit.

"I think it's important to conserve nature and take care of our earth," he says.

"I feel like one day we're going to look, and it's going to disappear on us, and we're going to wish that we had lived a little bit differently."

He's talking about the inspiration for the music video for the band's single We Come Running, which was filmed entirely underwater and features the band members swimming alongside live sharks. "We wanted to show people that they weren't these man-eating killers. We can't keep slaughtering these animals at the rate we're doing it, because we're going to completely wipe them out. And the ocean would die."

Indeed, Martin says that if he weren't a musician he'd probably be working in the great outdoors. But he's otherwise employed, making infectious, up-tempo electro-rock with one of his best college buds, producer Simon Katz.

Martin and Katz have been collaborating ever since the two moved from Colorado to L.A. to start their first band, Iglu & Hartly.

The band enjoyed moderate success, scoring a Top 5 hit in Europe, before dissolving suddenly — and painfully, says Martin — due to strained relationships with other members. The pair seem to be in a much better place now.

"I feel confident in our album and our songwriting abilities. I think we're just fortunate to be in this position right now," he says.

Giving it their all

When asked to describe the band's sound, Martin hesitates.

- **Quote.** "I feel like describing music is like trying to describe a colour," he says. "There's rock, there's dance, there's definitely synth and there's some pop elements to it, definitely. ... What separates us is that we have some weirder lyrics that we balance out with the pop choruses."
- **It's easier to articulate the band's unofficial mission statement.** "We're all kind of excited about life. We just like to give people a great experience. They come to a show and buy a ticket, they should walk away feeling like we gave all of our effort to entertain them."

Quote

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Sam Martin
Youngblood Hawke.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

Emotional Brad proud Angelina went public about double mastectomy

No one is as moved by Angelina Jolie's decision to go public about her double mastectomy than her partner, Brad Pitt. "I'm quite emotional about it, of course," he tells USA Today. "She could have stayed absolutely private about it and I don't think anyone would have been none the wiser with such good results. But it was really important to her to share the story and that others would understand it doesn't have to be a scary thing. In fact, it can be an empowering thing and something that makes you stronger and us stronger."

Twitter

@ewan_mcgregor
It's a beautiful day. Busy and not. Exciting things on the horizon. And where I stand – is pretty lovely.

@GarryShandling
The photographer told me today that "head shots" are not in my acting range.

@daxshephard1
As happy as I am about the renewal, I was kinda looking forward to getting the Parenthood Movie funded on kick starter.

The Word

Beyoncé says sorry to Belgium for cancelled gig

Beyoncé felt so bad about canceling a gig in Antwerp, Belgium — on doctors orders because she was suffering from "dehydration and exhaustion" — that she posted a handwritten apology on her website. "To my dearest fans in Antwerp, I've never postponed a show in my life. It was very hard for me. I promise I will make it up very soon. I'm sorry if I disappointed you," Beyoncé wrote. "Thank you for your concern. I'm feeling much better now and I'm ready to give you a great show. See you tonight." The singer's health concerns almost immediately sparked rumours that she is pregnant with her second child.

Lindsay Lohan ALL IMAGES GETTY

Lohan coping well in rehab despite hiccup

Lindsay Lohan is more than 10 days into her court-ordered 90-day rehab stint at the Betty Ford Center, and it's apparently just fine, according to E! News. "She is doing well. She seems like she's finally adjusted," a source says. There was reportedly some uproar in the first week when Lohan allegedly discovered doctors wouldn't allow her to take the ADD prescription drug Adderall, but things have settled down, according to the source: "She is just going to have to deal with it."

Amy Winehouse

Amy Winehouse to be immortalized in bronze

Amy Winehouse's parents have enlisted artist Scott Eaton to sculpt a life-size bronze statue of the late singer to be displayed at London music venue the Roadhouse, which happens to be the last place Winehouse performed before her death, according to E! News. "She's going to be installed on the balcony in the Roundhouse in the Camden area, because Camden is her home where she lived. So she's kind of looking back towards Camden Town from the balcony," Eaton says. "So it's not going to be ... cheesy. She's not with a microphone or anything like that."

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The great Gatsby getup

Silver screen style. Brooks Brothers GM Deepak Chopra teaches the modern man to mix some movie magic into his wardrobe

It isn't a fashion film if it doesn't have a clothing line attached to it. Brooks Brothers is taking the menswear looks they provided for the screen to the store with its Great Gatsby-inspired collection. Yep, that means you can get a hold of Jay Gatsby's 20s-style tailoring.

"Brooks Brothers is mentioned numerous times in Fitzgerald's writings as a representation of the ultimate gentleman's purveyor of fine clothing to the American man of distinction," says Catherine Martin, the costume designer behind the film's 500-strong wardrobe, in a statement to the press.

Metro recently had the opportunity to speak with Deepak Chopra, general manager of Brooks Brothers at Royal Bank Plaza in Toronto, to find out about the collection and his must-have suggestions.

The tuxedo

Every man should own a tuxedo, but how many of us do? At the current price point, Chopra says now is the time to invest.

JACKET, $935; TROUSERS, $272; BACKLESS VEST $196; BAT WING BOW TIE, $60; TUXEDO SHIRT, $148.

The cardigan

The bottle-green shawl cardigan — seen in the movie — is another timeless piece to add to your wardrobe, Chopra suggests.

CARDIGAN, $168

The linen suit

Perfect for summer, the linen suit offers a sense of relaxed ease. It is available in a number of colours and patterns — pink-stripped, ivory, light brown — and the pants can be worn with suspenders or belts.

JACKETS, $725; PANTS $328

The waist jacket

While they look good paired with the linen suits, Chopra notes the waist jackets can add a dapper air to a pair of chinos or jeans.

WAIST JACKETS, $328

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The tuxedo's backless vest features an art deco Greek key design.

The collection also features two regatta jackets; one with burgundy stripes and the other edged in gold, blue and burgundy. $875.

Chopra draws attention to the shoes in the collection, which include a wingtip (shown), black patent leather, and a white and brown loafer. $385 to $655

Madame of the movies

Tiffany is also toasting the Jazz Age with its new Ziegfeld collection, based on the brand's archival jewelry designs from the 1920s.

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EDITOR'S PICK

The club collar

Looking to stand out? Kovalum's Bradford blue and white club shirt not only harkens back to old-school dapperness, it will also set you apart from the point-collared crowd at the office this summer.

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Emma
Grad Student
Age: 25

What she's wearing
Rag & Bone shirt, Zara shoes and blazer, Material Girl pants, Rebecca Minkoff bag, KBL sunglasses.

Her inspiration
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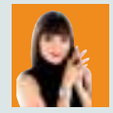

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Fish delights with cabbage and pico de gallo and cream sauce — oh my!

Baja, the peninsula of Mexico located south of California, is famous for its fish tacos, which are gaining popularity around the globe. These lightly fried fish delights are layered with cabbage, cream sauce and pico de gallo salsa.

1. Mexican White Sauce: In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, yogurt and lime juice. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or for up to 24 hours.

2. In a large bowl, combine tomatoes, green onions, jalapenos, serrano chiles, onion and cilantro. Add lime juice and mix. Transfer to airtight container and refrigerate, stirring occasionally for one hour or up to 24 hours. Add salt just to taste before serving.

3. Batter: In a large bowl, combine flour, beer and salt. Mix well to a thick consistency.

4. Tacos: Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towel. Cut crosswise into 2.5-cm (1-inch) wide strips.

5. Fill a deep fryer or deep skillet with 2.5 cm (1 inch) of oil and heat to 180 C (350 F). Using tongs, dredge fish pieces in batter and gently place in oil. Deep-fry 4 pieces at a time, turning once, until golden brown, about 1 minute per side. Drain on paper towels. Discard any excess batter.

6. In a griddle or skillet over medium-high heat, heat each tortilla on each side until soft and pliable. Wrap in foil to keep warm until ready to use. To build tacos, divide fish equally among warm tortillas. Top with cabbage, Mexican white sauce and pico de gallo. Fold tortillas in half.

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Ingredients

Mexican White Sauce
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) mayonnaise
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) plain yogurt
- Juice of 1 lime

Pico de gallo
- 4 tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 4 green onions, green parts only, minced
- 3 jalapeno peppers, 2 serrano chile peppers, seeded and minced
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp minced cilantro
- juice of 2 limes
- kosher salt

Batter
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) light beer
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt

Tacos
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) skinless cod or tilapia fillets
- Vegetable oil
- 8 flour tortillas
- 250 ml (1 cup) each shredded red and green cabbage

Fresh Baja Fish Tacos

This recipe serves eight. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

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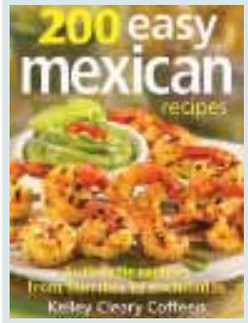

Using authentic Mexican recipes as her inspiration, Kelley Cleary Coffeen releases her book 200 Easy Mexican Recipes.

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Ingredients
- 2 eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 can (300 ml/14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) liquid margarita mix
- 3 drops green food colouring
- 1 purchased vanilla-flavoured cookie crumb crust or graham-cracker crust (23 cm/9 inches)
- 250 ml (1 cup) heavy or whipping (35 per cent) cream
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) granulated sugar
- 1 lime, thinly sliced

This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

1. In a medium bowl, using an electric mixer, beat eggs and egg yolks until thick and pale, about 2 minutes. Continue mixing and add lime juice, condensed milk, margarita mix and food colouring and beat for 2 to 3 minutes.

2. Pour into pie shell and bake in 180 C (350 F) oven until centre is firm, about 25 minutes. Let cool completely. Cover and refrigerate until chilled for at least 1 hour or for up to 4 hours.

3. Just before serving, in a medium chilled bowl, using an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat whipping cream and sugar until soft peaks form, 6 to 8 minutes. Serve slices of pie on individual plates topped with whipped cream and garnished with lime slices.

It goes without saying that a room that's clean and organized is a lot more inviting. ISTOCK IMAGES

Home for sale? Give it maximum eye appeal

Designing. Staging your home gives it that welcoming atmosphere

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

If your home's For Sale sign is becoming a fixture, still there in this red-hot spring real estate market, you might be doing something wrong.

Staging is what designers do to give a home maximum eye appeal. Ave Bradley, Kimpton Hotels' vice president of design, is responsible for creating welcoming atmospheres that appeal to a wide group of people, which is exactly the effect a home seller wants.

"The important thing is to create a space that's warm and inviting, a place people want to linger," says Bradley.

She tells us how to get our home ready for prospective buyers.

Bag the clutter ... and the laundry

"Never underestimate the impact of clutter. A room that's clean and well organized is more inviting. Also, I don't want to see the remnants of someone else's life. I don't want to see their toothbrush, or their bra on a sofa! Throw everything in a trash bag and put it in a cabinet."

Say it with flowers, not food

"Nothing is more welcoming than flowers. I like to see a big, vibrant, fresh flower arrangement. Put one in the bathroom and the living room. I see people offering these extravagant food spreads. It's just not necessary. Also, be careful about cooking smells like bacon or fish. People want to smell lemon or lavender when they walk in, not pizza."

Paint walls a neutral colour

"In older Victorian- or Spanish-style homes, strong colours work. For most modern homes, a neutral but warm scheme is best: taupe, celadon green, white. The same goes for furniture. The bigger and bolder, the fewer people can relate. It increases the sale chances if a room's colours are quiet and people can imagine their lives there."

Bring on sunshine and smiles

"It's important to get the right broker with a welcoming attitude. When you walk in, you don't want to see a selling agent who's arrogant. And open up drapery — there's nothing more off-putting than walking into a place with the drapes drawn. It reminds people of sickness. Let the sunlight shine in."

Go where the evening takes you

Friday night, finally. The week was exhausting, but tonight, I'm in control. Should I go out or stay in? I could check out the new DJ spinning down the street. Or I could invite my sister over for sushi. Maybe the girls want to meet for drinks later. I'll start by pouring myself a glass of wine, send a couple texts and see what the night has in store.

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Modernize your backyard this season

Outdoor. Four tips from celebrity landscape designer Carson Arthur just in time for May long weekend

We all have our spring backyard rituals to help create the perfect summer retreat, but sometimes you want to do a little more to upgrade your space. Maybe your deck needs a little love or you're just looking to bring new life to your outdoor spaces.

No matter what your backyard ambition is this summer, here are the top four outdoor improvements I'm going to be doing in my own spaces.

1. Make room for veggies and herbs

I'm always encouraging homeowners to remove a strip of grass and replace it with a veggie and herb garden.

Lawns suck up more water, fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides than anything else on our properties. Growing veggies is lower maintenance, convenient and still gives you that green backyard look. I'm trying some new varieties of lettuce, heirloom tomatoes, Thai basil and zucchini, for the blossoms. Growing your own food is satisfying and you know exactly what you are eating and where it came from because you grew it yourself.

Plus, this fits in perfectly with the local eating movement. What's more local than your own backyard?

2. Resurface your deck with a wood that doesn't require staining so you can enjoy your backyard sooner and with a lot less effort

Maintaining the look of your wooden deck is important, but the ritual of sanding and staining can become overwhelming every spring. Fortunately, new technology by MicroPro Sienna takes a lot of the work out of deck maintenance.

I'll be using MicroPro Sienna for my new cottage deck, this environmentally friendly alternative to the classic pressure-treated wood comes ready to install in a rich cedar tone, can be used in water and works well with aluminum fasteners and details.

Garden art adds visual interest to spaces where plants can't grow.

STEVE LAWRENCE

This new type of pressure-treated wood is versatile for any outdoor project. It is going to be perfect at my cottage, and all of my guests will think I spent a lot on cedar.

3. Use garden art to update your outdoor spaces and solve some of your garden dilemmas

Some spaces in the garden just won't grow plants. My fans and clients always ask for different options, but nothing seems to work.

Why not add something that looks great and requires no care? My favourite garden art includes metal sculptures that look great when they rust and wooden obelisks that I can grow vines on.

Other materials that work well outdoors include mirrors, glass, terra-cotta pots and jars and handmade pottery. Not only is there no maintenance, art in the garden is an easy way to have a creative space that is uniquely yours.

4. Bring the indoors out

Outdoor furniture is no longer about striped or floral pillows on a patio set.

The latest outdoor furniture uses stain and water resistant knitted fabrics, graphic prints and bold motifs to mimic the look and feel of its indoor cousins. With these stunning new options, every homeowner can create their dream outdoor room. I am stepping it up on the patio this year by investing in a resin wicker and aluminum set, which is rustproof and made from recycled plastic. Stylish and eco-friendly all at the same time!

Be smart about the choices you are going to make this year in your own outdoor spaces. Think about the way you want to spend your summer days. Make choices that allow you to have the quality of life you deserve.

Carson Arthur

When not in the dirt with his eco-friendly landscape design company, Carson stays busy building, planting, writing or designing as a featured guest on CityLine and Steven & Chris. You can check him out at carsonarthur.com.

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Long weekend and fresh air

A recent survey found that the top long weekend chore for many Canadians will be gardening and landscaping. HEMERA/THINKSTOCK

With the late arrival of spring, Canadians are thinking more about their spring to-do lists than relaxing this upcoming long weekend.

According to a recent Ipsos Reid Public Affairs survey commissioned by Canadian Tire, 82 per cent of Canadians surveyed agree that the May long weekend is the ideal time to tackle spring chores. This weekend Canadians are rolling up their sleeves, with those planning on doing spring chores spending an average of nine hours checking off their to-do lists. The top long weekend chores for these Canadians are gardening and landscaping (65 per cent), window cleaning (59 per cent) and storing and organizing seasonal items (57 per cent).

In true Canadian style, of those who plan to tackle spring chores, four in 10 (38 per cent) say they are actually looking forward to these seasonal jobs and 85 per cent are motivated to get started. In addition, half of those doing chores plan to spend time with their families as they complete jobs around the home.

"The warm weather is finally here, it's great to see that Canadians are excited to take on their home to-do lists this long weekend, and to do it with a smile," said David DeMelo, category business manager, Canadian Tire. "The survey results show that Canadians want to get their homes into shape so that they can spend time relaxing with their families and friends the rest of the season."

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Tips and tricks

- Gardening and landscaping. Prepare your soil before you start to garden. Good soil is the foundation for gardening, so make sure you know what kind of soil you have to work with. Prepare your lawn for the season by removing any debris and leftover crust that hass settled on your lawn from the winter. Add some fertilizer to help ensure you get a nice thick lawn.
- Tidying and organizing your garage. Do some spring cleaning in your tool chest and bag. Take out and examine all of your tools to make sure they are working properly and consider replacing the ones that aren't.
- Tackle small fixes at home: Look around the home, identify and repair any smaller issues before they become bigger problems.

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Make your home warm and inviting

Friends, family, neighbours. Take the craziness out of unexpected visits with a little planning

In the warmth and sunshine of summer, Canadians open their doors, get outside and take full advantage of the barbecue season. It seems like every weekend is packed full of visits with friends, families and neighbours.

In fact, it's often those unexpected visits that turn out to be the most fun, even if it causes a mad rush to tidy the house and dig into the cupboards to pull together a meal everyone will enjoy.

Take the craziness out of unexpected visits with a little advanced planning.

It's called seasonal pantry loading and it helps families to be ready for whatever their summer has to offer. Rather than buying what you need for a specific period of time, stock your pantry with those items that can easily be stored and help you provide a quick and tasty meal at a moment's notice.

For example, all-in-one serving kits are always good to have on hand — such as taco or salad kits. Have options ready so all you need is to add your core fresh ingredient and you have a meal.

As Linda Woolsey, vice-president research and development from ET TU Salad Kits, explains, "You want to make any visit memorable, whether planned or not. The one thing we've learned is that guests always appreciate great food. Being prepared with easy pantry items can help you focus on your guests, spend more time enjoying delicious meals and less time on stressing and cooking."

So next time you take a trip to the grocery store, consider those items that will help you be prepared anytime, any day.

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Thyme-Rubbed Flank Steak with Balsamic Pearl Onions. NEWS CANADA

Recipe. Thyme-Rubbed Flank Steak with Balsamic Pearl Onions

According to a recent Grill-Watch survey, steak tops the list as the all time favourite food to grill, according to 44 per cent of respondents. This steak recipe from Weber's New Real Grilling cookbook is quick and easy to prepare and perfect for a weekday dinner.

Ingredients

- ¾ cup water
- ½ cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1½ tsp tomato paste
- 1 large bay leaf
- 1 package (14 ounces) frozen pearl onions, thawed
- 3½ tsp finely chopped fresh thyme leaves, divided
- 2 tsp kosher salt, divided
- 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 1 flank steak, about 1½ pounds and ¾-inch thick
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- Fresh thyme sprigs (optional)

1 In a large skillet combine the water, vinegar, honey, tomato paste, and bay leaf. Add the onions and bring to a simmer over medium-low heat. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Uncover the skillet and increase the heat to high. Boil until the liquid starts to thicken and is reduced to 4 to 5 tablespoons, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in 1½ teaspoons of the thyme, 1 teaspoon of the salt, and ½ teaspoon of the pepper. The sauce will continue to thicken as it cools. If necessary, add water, 1 tablespoon at a time, to thin the mixture to your desired consistency.

2 Combine the remaining 2 teaspoons thyme, 1 teaspoon salt, and ½ teaspoon pepper. Brush the steak on both sides with the oil and season evenly with the spice mixture, pressing the spices into the meat. Allow the steak to stand at room temperature for 15 to 30 minutes before grilling.

3 Prepare the grill for direct cooking over medium heat (350 to 450 F).

4 Grill the steak over direct medium heat, with the lid closed, until cooked to your desired doneness, 8 to 10 minutes for medium rare, turning once or twice. Remove from the grill and let rest for 3 to 5 minutes. Cut the steak across the grain into thin slices. Serve immediately with the onions and their sauce. Garnish with thyme, if using. Serves four. Prep time: 15 minutes. Grilling time: 8 to 10 minutes.

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NHL

Oilers may get new arena after all

The on-again-off-again deal to build a new rink for the Edmonton Oilers is on — again.

City councillors and the Edmonton Oilers agreed Wednesday to split the cost of the final $30 million needed to green-light the new arena in the city's downtown in time for the 2016-17 season.

"This has been a long and difficult process," Mayor Stephen Mandel told councillors. "We need to make sure that we build a city that attracts and retains the younger generation."

Construction is to start next spring and the city plans to pay off some of its debt through increased tax revenues from shops and businesses expected to spring up around the arena.

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NHL

Toews, Bergeron, Datsyuk named Selke finalists

Jonathan Toews of the Chicago Blackhawks, Patrice Bergeron of the Boston Bruins and Pavel Datsyuk of the Detroit Red Wings are finalists for the Frank J. Selke Trophy as the NHL's best defensive forward.

Toews, a Selke finalist for the second time, finished third in the NHL in plus-minus with a plus-28 rating.

Bergeron, who won last year, was the NHL's top face-off man this season at 62.1 per cent. He had a plus-24 rating.

Datsyuk, a three-time winner, tied with Toews for the league lead in takeaways with 56 and topped the Red Wings in plus-minus at plus-21. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

"He is excited about coming to Toronto. Once football starts, it will be all about football."

Argos GM Jim Barker on defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell, who resisted a trade to Toronto earlier in the off-season.

Blackhawks wash away Red Wings in Round 2 opener

Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews pushes aside the Red Wings' Pavel Datsyuk on Wednesday night in Chicago. The Blackhawks took the series opener 4-1. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

NHL playoffs. Goalie Howard given little support as Detroit drops eighth straight to Chicago dating back to last season

Game 1

Blackhawks	Red Wings
4	1

Johnny Oduya and Marcus Kruger scored in the third period, Corey Crawford made 20 saves and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-1 in the opener of their second-round playoff series Wednesday night.

Chicago dominated the final two periods in its first game in the Western Conference semi-finals since it won the Stanley Cup in 2010. Marian Hossa scored the opening goal, and Patrick Sharp had an empty-netter and two assists to give him nine points in the playoffs.

Jimmy Howard finished with 38 stops in a terrific performance, but Detroit still lost to rival Chicago.

The series resumes on Saturday afternoon at the United Center.

The 75th all-time playoff game between the Blackhawks and Red Wings was tied 1-1 after two periods, and Howard made a great stop on a breakaway by Dave Bolland four and a half minutes into the third.

Chicago kept working and went in front to stay on a heady play by Oduya. He drifted in from the point and sent Sharp's pass past Howard on the glove side with 12 minutes left. Kruger then jumped on a loose puck and sent a backhander into the upper right corner to make it 3-1.

That was more than enough for Crawford.

The opener of the 16th playoff series between the Original Six teams was the first game for Chicago since it eliminated Minnesota last Thursday. Detroit closed out Anaheim with a 3-2 win in Game 7 on Sunday night, taking the final two games of the series against the second-seeded Ducks.

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Sedins in Canada's sights for quarter-final

Canada's Jordan Eberle practises on Wednesday in Stockholm.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

For Canada to get past the IIHF World Championship quarter-final for the first time in four years, the Sedins must be contained.

Vancouver Canucks forwards Daniel and Henrik Sedin joined the host country after Canada's 3-0 win over Sweden in the preliminary round.

The addition of the twins and Canucks defenceman Alex Edler inject confidence and offence into Sweden that the team lacked earlier in the tournament. Canada expects an improved opponent Thursday at the Globe Arena.

"With their additions to their team, we've got to make sure we're doing the right things with the puck," Canadian forward Jordan Eberle said. "You can't turn it over with the high offence they have."

The quarter-final has been Canada's banana peel lately with three straight losses knocking Canadian teams out of medal contention. Eberle was a part of all those losses and doesn't want an early exit a fourth time.

"For me, anyway, it's been a game that's been tough to get by, so I'm really looking forward to tomorrow night," he said. "Playing Sweden in Sweden, it doesn't get much better than that.

"We want to make sure we're bringing our best in a one-game elimination that any team can win. You can't be soft that night or else you're in trouble."

Canada (5-1-1-0) finished second in the Stockholm pool ahead of third-seeded Sweden (5-2). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays unleash colossal offence to topple Giants

Edwin Encarnacion, top, and Jose Bautista round third base to score during the Jays' five-run first inning on Wednesday night. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

MLB. Toronto pounces on early San Francisco errors in 4th-straight win

Adam Lind and J.P. Arencibia homered and starter Ramon Ortiz turned in a solid seven-inning performance as the Toronto Blue Jays crushed the San Francisco Giants 11-3 on Wednesday night.

The Blue Jays took advantage of some ugly San Francisco defence in a five-run first inning. They added three more runs in the next frame and the rout was on.

Ortiz (1-1) allowed one earned run and six hits as Toronto (17-24) swept the two-game interleague mini-series and extended its winning streak to a season-high four games. Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong (1-4) lasted just two innings, giving up six hits, eight runs — three of them earned —and two walks.

San Francisco (23-17) opened the scoring on a comfortable, breezy night at Rogers Centre. Angel Pagan led off the first inning with a ground-rule double, moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Marco Scutaro and scored on a Pablo Sandoval sacrifice fly.

Scutaro and Pagan both made errors in the bottom half of the frame.

Jose Bautista reached base when Scutaro dropped a pop-up in shallow right field. Edwin Encarnacion walked and Arencibia hit a sinking liner that Pagan flubbed in centre field, allowing two runs to score.

Lind followed with a two-run shot — his third homer of the season — and Emilio Bonifacio later added an RBI single. Munenori Kawasaki hit into a double play to end the threat.

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NHL playoffs

Bruins realize they're in tough vs. stingy Rangers

Putting the puck past Henrik Lundqvist is a huge challenge for the Boston Bruins.

Of course, they have to get it to him first and that's a tough task against the shot-blocking New York Rangers.

"They're definitely going to be laying down to block those shots," Boston forward Patrice Bergeron said Wednesday after practice for Thursday night's second-round opener. "We have to be aware of that."

On Monday night, it seemed the Bruins wouldn't have to worry about that.

They rallied from a three-goal deficit in the last 11 minutes of the third period and beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-4 on Bergeron's overtime goal in Game 7.

"You don't give up," Bruins forward Jaromir Jagr said. "(But) if you try to do it again, you're probably not going to do it even if you try 100 times, but it happened."

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NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) VS. OTTAWA (7)

(Pittsburgh leads 1-0)
Tuesday's result
Pittsburgh 4 Ottawa 1
Friday's game
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. N.Y. RANGERS (6)

Thursday's game
NY Rangers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
NY Rangers at Boston, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21
Boston at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. DETROIT (7)

Wednesday's result
Detroit at Chicago
Saturday's game
Detroit at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Monday, May 20
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES (5) VS. SAN JOSE (6)

(Los Angeles leads 1-0)
Tuesday's result
Los Angeles 2 San Jose 0
Thursday's game
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Los Angeles at San Jose, 6 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Krejci, Bos	5	8	13
Malkin, Phg	3	10	13
Iginla, Phg	2	8	10
Crosby, Phg	3	6	9
Brassard, NYR	2	7	9
Lucic, Bos	2	7	9
Dupuis, Phg	6	2	8
Pavelski, SJ	4	4	8
Couture, SJ	3	5	8
Zetterberg, Det	3	5	8

Not including last night's games

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS CHICAGO (5)

(Miami wins 4-1)
Wednesday's result
Miami 94 Chicago 91
Friday's game
x- Miami at Chicago, 8 or 9:30 p.m.

NEW YORK (2) VS INDIANA (3)

(Indiana leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Indiana 93 New York 82
Thursday's game
Indiana at New York, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(Memphis leads 3-1)
Wednesday's result
Memphis at Oklahoma City
Friday's game
x-Oklahoma City at Memphis, 7 or 8 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (2) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)

(San Antonio leads 3-2)
Tuesday's result
San Antonio 109 Golden State 91
Thursday's game
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

Wednesday's result
Los Angeles 4 Philadelphia 1

AMWAY CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Wednesday's result
First Leg
Vancouver 0 Montreal 0

UEFA

EUROPA LEAGUE

Wednesday's result
Benfica (Portugal) 1, Chelsea (England) 2 in Amsterdam

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	15	.625	—
Baltimore	23	17	.575	2
Boston	22	17	.564	2½
Tampa Bay	20	18	.526	4
Toronto	17	24	.415	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	22	16	.579	—
Cleveland	22	17	.564	½
Kansas City	19	17	.528	2
Minnesota	18	19	.486	3½
Chicago	17	21	.447	5

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	26	14	.650	—
Oakland	20	22	.476	7
Seattle	19	21	.475	7
Los Angeles	15	24	.385	10½
Houston	11	30	.268	15½

Wednesday's results
San Diego 8 Baltimore 4
Houston 7 Detroit 5
Chicago White Sox 9 Minnesota 4
Texas 6 Oakland 2
Seattle 12 N.Y. Yankees 2
Toronto 11 San Francisco 3
Boston at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at L.A. Angels
Thursday's games
All times Eastern
Seattle (Harang 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Doubront 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 4-3) at Texas (Darvish 6-1), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Williams 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Cleveland 10 Philadelphia 4
Arizona 5 Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 3 Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 4 Miami 0
Colorado at Chicago Cubs
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis
Washington at L.A. Dodgers.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Is it OK to be ambitious? Is it OK to do better than others? Of course it is and anyone who says otherwise is not to be trusted. People are not all the same and, to be blunt, you're better than most.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
After the events of the past few days, you may want to treat yourself gently over the next 24 hours. Give yourself time to unwind and assess the full implications of the changes that have been taking place.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may not understand why a certain person acts the way they do but that is no reason to hold it against them. People have different personalities. You have several yourself.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You must not agree to anything if you don't know for certain what it is going to cost. Someone with a persuasive manner will make a risky venture sound like it's a sure thing. Don't be fooled.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
When your instincts tell you one thing and friends tells you another, who do you trust? You trust your instincts, of course. Today's cosmic influences warn that people may not see things as clearly as you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Not everything has a simple explanation and if you are smart you will dig to find out what has really been going on. Check both sides of the story.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone you live or work with believes you owe them something. They also believe they can sit back and let you do the work. Make sure they know that isn't going to happen.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Usually, if something feels good that's a sure sign that it is good. But today there is a real chance that what feels good could actually be bad for you. Whatever you do make sure it is done in moderation.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't believe everything you hear over the next 24 hours, not even if it comes from sources you know you can trust. Friends may not be trying to mislead you but they may have been misled themselves.

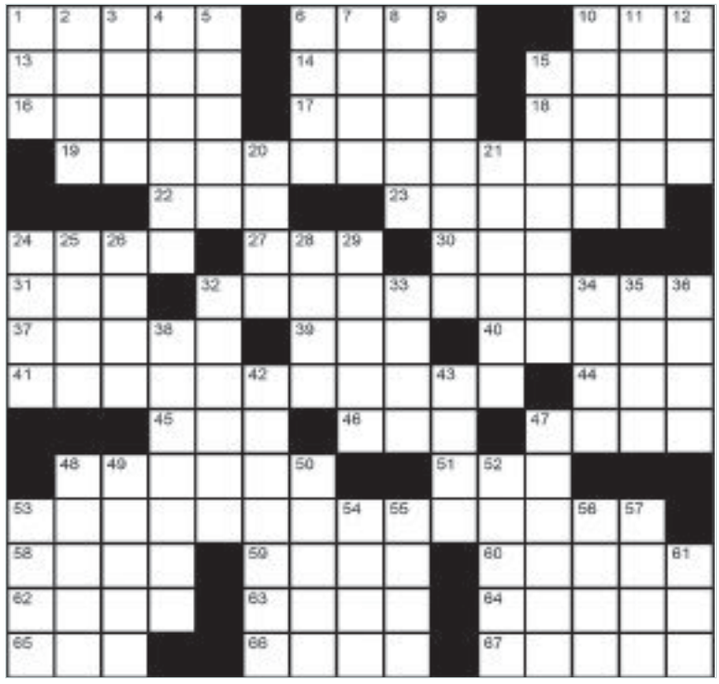
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The influence of Pluto in your sign makes you even more suspicious than usual. Having said that, perhaps it's a point in your favour that you insist on being shown hard evidence before you take action.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Get out into the world and make things happen. The world is full of people who talk a good game, but very few who actually do something positive. Be one of the latter.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you have made a promise, you must keep it. If you try to wriggle out of it, your rep will suffer. You enjoyed short-term benefits, now pay long-term costs. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

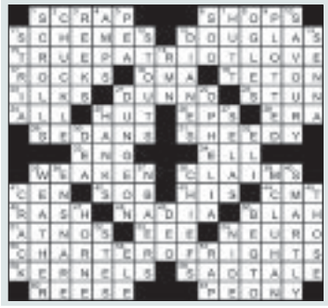
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. __ class (Misses the lecture)
6. TV __ (Watch shows on them)
10. Toy dog's fave place
13. Snip again
14. 'Silver' suffix
15. "__... __ ahead and try it already!" (Stop stalling, eat!)
16. Angered
17. Husk
18. Dix - Deux = ?
19. John Baird, Minister of __ __
22. Bed-and-Breakfast
23. Mr. Richie, "Hello" singer
24. Grateful __
27. "60 Minutes" network
30. Forever, practically
31. Time-saving abbr.
32. Waaay far back
37. Doofus
39. That extra amount on a bill
40. Ludicrous
41. Kraft Singles, basically ...but only one: 2 wds.
44. No __, ands or buts.
45. Poetic contraction
46. Piercing place
47. Big deals
48. Take to be true
51. Cleopatra's cobra
53. Place of commerce in early Canada: acr. + 2 wds.
58. U2's home
59. Ancient Egypt: Son of Ramses I
60. Once more
62. Jewish calendar month
63. Prude
64. Lead/tin alloy
65. "Losing My Religion" rockers
66. Labourer, in olde Anglo-Saxon times
67. Swamp plant

Down
1. Lanka's lead
2. Sawing cut
3. Flight-related UN Agency headquartered in Montreal [acronym]
4. Foul in odour
5. Jan __ (Dutch painter)
6. Loot
7. Yield, such as profit
8. Tribulation
9. Smartphone owner's auto-taken pics
10. Stand-up comic Mr. Anderson
11. No Doubt hit: "Just _ _ _"
12. __ and pans
15. SNL alum Molly, star of "Superstar" (1999)
20. Price hike [abbr.]
21. Soccer, to Brits [var. sp.]
24. Son, e.g., on a family tree
25. Retro toy, __ A Sketch
26. Pine-in-the-heart for
28. Reckons
29. Sedimentary rock
32. Phony person
33. Iris family plant with sword-like leaves
34. Maraud
35. Content or data, briefly
36. Opening to 'pool' or 'pit'
38. Actress, Leighton __
42. All†together: 2 wds.
43. Rocky projection (Mountaineering challenge)
47. Highest orbital point
48. Put up with
49. "Buzz off!"
50. Utopias
52. Tiffs
53. Pick up on sound
54. The Jacksons tune: "Blame __ the Boogie": 2 wds.
55. Evening, fun-style
56. Partially eaten fish in a tin?
57. Plucked guitar string sound
61. Born, in bridal bios

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	8		2		1		5	
		9				1		
	2		4		9		6	
	3	5				6	1	
7								8
	4	2				3	9	
	5		1		3		7	
		7				9		
	9		6		7		4	

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	9	8	7	4	2	1	3	5
2	3	1	9	8	5	6	7	4
5	4	7	6	1	3	9	8	2
1	8	3	5	2	7	8	4	9
4	2	9	1	3	8	7	5	6
7	8	5	4	6	9	2	1	3
3	1	6	8	9	4	5	2	7
9	7	2	3	5	1	4	6	8
8	5	4	2	7	6	3	9	1

Weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAX: 22° MIN: 8°	MAX: 18° MIN: 11°	MAX: 19° MIN: 11°

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Manisha B (P)
Geraline B (H) (P)
Crystal D
Jevilyn G (H)
Som K (H)
Jieun K (H) (P)
Josephine M (P)
Syed Kamran M
Andrea M
Jennifer M (H)
Jerome P (H) (P)
Prabhjot S (H) (P)
Daljit S (P)
Sukhdeep V

Administrative Assistant
Christina A(P)
Keri A (H)
Elizabeth B (H)
Victoria B (E) (H)
Jennifer B (H)
Jessica B (H)
Emerita C (P)
Alison C (H)
Patricia C (H)
Puspa D
Natalie D (H) (P)
Marife D
Serena E (H)
Dana-Marie L (H) (P)
Rhonda L
April-Kris L
Lorinda M
Aevin M (H)
Kyra M (H)
Tyla M
Neeta M (P)
Jonahree M (H)
Winnie R
Ann S
Janiene S(H) (P)
Stephanie S (H) (P)
Kelsey S (H)
Lauren W (H)
Tamara W (H) (P)
Mirjam W (H)
Katrina Y

Business Administration
Ires A (H) (P)
Kenneth B (H) (P)
Cathy C
Laarnie F (H) (P)
Jennifer G (H)
Carl Anthony G (P)
Dhoha K (P)
Lorraine Shayne L
Andre L
Vironalyn M
Joyleen R
Samnang S (H) (P)
Sara V
Ashley V

Clinic Office Assistant
Christal A
Jerica A
Brandy A
Maris A (P)
Kim B
Stephanie B
Jennifer B
Abigail C (H)
Vanessa Marie C
Deandra D
Wilhelmina E
Brenda F
Kristine Marie H (H)
Michelle K (E) (H)
Amanda K (H)
Roxanne K (H)
Florence L (P)
Jessica L (H) (P)
Rochelle M
Erica Maquimot (H) (P)
Ken McNeill
Chantale M
Heather P (P)
Izabela P (P)
Cris Allen P
Miranda P
Elvira R
Rissa R
Justine R
Maria Cristina R
Jaclyn S
Stefanie S
Melissa S
Joanna T (H) (P)
Dayna Vega L
Chelsea W
Nikki Ann Y

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Lilaj B (H)
Hailie C
Jacqueline Del M
Christine D
Francess F
Iris G
Amanda K
Deanna L
Julia M
Alison M
Cheyanne M
Emma M (P)
Kaitlyn M
Caleb R
Tamar S (P)
Tamara S
Carmen T

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Sherwin J
Paul L
Eryn M
Michael M (H)
Kita M
Mary Josephine N (H) (P)
Patrick S
Karl S
Lakhwinder S (H)
Casey W

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Michael A
Christianah A
Susan A
Berbia A (P)
Maria B (P)
Raymond B (H)
Casey B
Brittney B(H)
Ma Chita B
Sheena B
Xercen C
Jonalyn C
Mc Leonard Immanuel C (P)
Rosegene C (P)
Irene C
Hillary D
Precila D
Lynn D (P)
Clint D
Kenneth E
Jasmine F
Janine G
Fanuel G (H)
Magarsa G
Biftu G
Darren H
Jillian H
Jessica H (E) (H)
Leo I
Josephine Emerica K
Nirmal K
Raymond K
Krystyna K
Priscilla K
Crystal L (H)
Dennis L
Fallon L
Elisa L
Jonard L
Kristine M
Margaret M(H)
Reynold M
Biisho M
Stephanie Menjivar N
Minami M
Jerica N (H)
Joy N
Modupe O (H)
Jessica O
Lilibeth Eufemia P (H)
Alma P (P)
Hayde P
Safari Q
Virginia R
Pooja R
Maria Kristina
Monica R (H) (P)
Rochiette Ann R
Jeremy R
Ahmed R
Bonifacio R (P)
Urica Blanca S (P)
Marites S
Ana Fe S (P)
Blaine Brandon S
Joyce S
Santos S
Kadijah S
Tulashi S
Emmanuel Jay S
Melissa S
Cameron S (H) (P)
Billy T
Khagendra T
Albert T
Nigussie T
Lee T
Maria Carmela V (H)
Rajdeep V

Health Care Aide (Selkirk)
Michelle C
Matthew H (P)
Pamela (Meagan) K (E) (H)
Benjamin L(H) (P)
Jeff M (E) (H)
David M (H)
Rachelle O (H)
Stacy S
Anne-Marie T (E) (H)

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Lester C
Deborah C
Norivic C
Celerina C
Heidi F
Tracey Ann L
Jafe L
Rita Liza N
Amishaben P
Marilou S
Ina W

Legal Assistant/Secretary
Nicole A (H)
Carrie A (H)
Jessica B
Rachel B (E) (H)
Kendra C (H)
Patricia D (H)
Filoza E
Jonalyn E
Clarisse E (H)
Kyla G
Jessica G
Tashina H
Nicole K
Alysha L
Annika M (H) (P)
Matina M (H)
Tami M (H)
Jennifer M (H)
Meredith P (H) (P)
Tetyana R
Charity S
Samantha T
Jessica T (E) (H)
Tarrin (Nicole) W (H)

Medical Laboratory Assistant
Abigail A (H) (P)
Amal A
Mohan Kapila B (H)
Lyudmyla B (H)
Laura C (H)
Christine D (H)
Maria Nina D (H) (P)
Dwight D
Flordeliza F(H) (P)
Lexie F (H) (P)
Donna G(H) (P)
Xin H (H) (P)
Mukhtar H
Gaelan M
Anne O (P)
Vanessa R (H) (P)
Steed S (P)
Baljeet S
Annie S (P)
Ashley U (H) (P)

Pharmacy Technician
Stoney Royce A
Cherry May A (H)
Kerriann B
Kalvin B
Marjorie B (P)
Maria Kristine C
Nelly C
Melissa C (H)
Debra C
Ma Jean C
Clarizze Del R (P)
April D (P)
Karen Anne E(P)
Calvin F
Donita F (H) (P)
Jocelyn G
Monica G
Rizelle G (P)
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